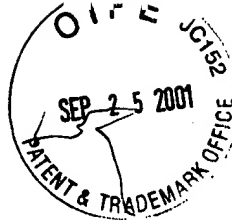


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 23 with the following paragraph:

Screw 14 comprises a shank 44 with a head 46 at one end of the shank. The head is of conventional design with a screw driver receiving slot 48. Shank 44 has an external thread 50 which extends substantially its entire length from its adjacent head 46 to its opposite end 52.

Thread 50 mates with internal thread 39 in bore 38.

Replace the partial paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1 with the following paragraph:
without stake 54, is then threaded into bore 38 to a point of its maximum backout dimension.
Such backout dimension corresponds to a spacing between head 46 and base plate 20 which